

DORE AND BRIDNARDINE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Interim

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year

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Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Lucas-Scudamore and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1942. This report is very much abbreviated and is to be regarded as an interim report only.

I take this opportunity of placing on record my appreciation of the support and assistance which the Council has afforded me throughout the year. Also I have received much help and assistance in the discharge of my duties from Mr. F. Craze - Clerk to the Council, Mr. D.J. Francis - Sanitary Inspector, and Miss Sayce - Chief Financial Officer.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Lucas-Scudamore and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM HOGG.

Medical Officer of Health.October 1943.

SECTION A. - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA:

Area (in acres)	86,043
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1942)	2,135
Rateable Value	223,246
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	299.0.0

Extract from Vital Statistics of the Year:

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 19.2

Stillbirths. Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population
(Live & Still Births) 32.0

Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population (crude) 11.5

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:

			Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 Total Live & Still Births.
Heading No.29 ...	Puerperal Sepsis		Nil.	Nil.
Heading No.30 ...	Other Puerperal Causes		Nil.	Nil.

DeathRate of Infants under One Year of Age:

111 Infants per 1,000 Live Births	46.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Live Births	39.7
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	62.5

SECTION B. - GENERAL SUPERVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA:Laboratory Facilities:-

The number of specimens examined by the County and City Public Health Laboratory during the year are as shown below:-

Swabs	77
Sputum	13
Blood	1
Water Chemical Examination ...	6
Bacteriological "	9
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SECTION C. - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA:Inspections:-

Slaughter Houses and Shops	130
Bakehouses	22
Schools	12
Water Supplies	140
Nuisances	22
Factories	36
Fruit and Hop-pickers accommodation	91
Infectious Disease	57
Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	222
Other Housing Inspections	61
Cow Sheds and Dairies	276
Petrol and Oil Stores	25
Miscellaneous	1,137
Salvage	130
Milk Samples	74
Water Samples	34
	<u>2,469</u>

Notices Issued:-

Informal	27
Statutory re Housing	nil
Statutory under other Acts	1

Summary of Defects Remedied:-

Drains Relaid	24
New Drains Laid	7
Drains Cleansed, Trapped or Ventilated	16
Defective Waste Pipes Rectified	5
Defective Sinks and Urinals Rectified	5
New Water Closets Provided	11
Water Closets repaired, ventilated or provided with	cisterns	3
Privies converted to Pail Closets	14
Privies converted to Water Closets	3
Privies converted to Chemical Closets	2
New Pail Closets provided	2
Pail Closets repaired	5
Privies and Ashpits cleansed	13
Wells cleansed and repaired	1
Rooms disinfected re Infectious Disease	59
Schools disinfected	nil
Public Vehicles Disinfected	1
Dwelling Houses Cleansed	5
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School Closures:-

<u>School.</u>	<u>Period.</u>	<u>Cause.</u>
Clifford C.	26.1.42. - 6.2.42.	Mumps.

SECTION D. HOUSING:-1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year:-

1. (a) Total number of Houses Inspected for Housing Defects (Under Public Health of Housing Acts)	...	222
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	...	222

2. Remedy of Defects During the Year Without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	27
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notice		
(a) By Owners	...	1
(b) By Local Authority in Default of Owners	...	nil

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD:-Milk Supply:-

There were 395 premises in the District registered with the Local Authority under the Milk and Dairies Order 1926.

Food Inspected and Condemned:-

Beef	500 lbs.
Tinned Milk	150 Tins.
Tinned Fish	17 Tins.
Tinned Meat	12 Tins.
Cheese	26 lbs.
Ham	30 lbs.

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE:-

Notifiable Disease during the Year 1942:-

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.
Pneumonia	9	-
Scarlet Fever	15	12
Measles	24	-
Whooping Cough	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1
Diphtheria	8	8
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	1

Analysis of Total Cases According to Age:-

Disease.	Age Groups.											65 and Over	Total.
	Under 1	1+	2+	3+	4+	5+	10+	15+	20+	35+	45+		
Pneumonia	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	3	1	9
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	-	-	15
Measles	-	2	2	4	1	12	1	-	1	-	1	-	24
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	1	2	1	-	-	8
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	2	2	6	6	3	20	4	3	5	3	4	1	59

Scabies:-

The incidence of scabies appears to have been low in the District before the outbreak of war, but with the outbreak of war, as a result of the migration of the population and overcrowding, the incidence of the disease has increased. During the year under review 13 cases of scabies were brought to the notice of the Department but as the disease is not notifiable this figure probably understates the facts.

Diphtheria Immunisation:-

The Department continued its efforts to secure immunisation against diphtheria of all children residing in the area, with a certain amount of success. The Council with the co-operation of the practitioners in the Area inaugurated a scheme whereby free immunisation was available from the family doctor and this scheme has helped greatly.

During the year 134 children under 5 years of age and 588 children 5 - 15 years completed courses of diphtheria prophylactic, making a total of 722. At the end of the year it was estimated 30% of children under 5 years had received courses of prophylactic and 61% of those aged 5 - 15 years.

Tuberculosis:-

At the end of 1941 there were 20 cases of tuberculosis on the Register, 10 pulmonary and 10 non-pulmonary. During the year 1942 15 cases were added to the Register - 12 pulmonary and 3 non-pulmonary. Six cases were removed from the Register during the year - 3 pulmonary and 3 non-pulmonary, and on the 31st. December 1942 29 cases remained on the Register - 19 pulmonary and 10 non-pulmonary.

New Cases and Mortality during Year 1942:-

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1+	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
5+	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15+	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25+	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
35+	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45+	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65+	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-